



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2183  
Examiner: William H. Wood

April 30, 2003

Customer Assignment No. 027516  
Serial No.: 09/468,051  
Filed: December 20, 1999  
In re Application of: Thomas D. Hartnett, John S. Kuslak, and Gary J. Lucas  
Title: PIPELINE CONTROLLER FOR PROVIDING  
INDEPENDENT EXECUTION BETWEEN THE  
PRELIMINARY AND ADVANCED STAGES OF A  
SYNCHRONOUS PIPELINE  
Docket No.: RA-5271

#9/13  
L. Wood  
5/14/03  
**RECEIVED**

MAY 02 2003

RCE Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

Technology Center 2100

Dear Sir,

This response is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), the fee set forth under 1.17(e), and a fee for a one-month extension pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). This submission is in response to an Office Action dated 12/31/2002 which was made **FINAL**.